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NOTE AND COMMENT

President Roosevelt has shown himself the rough rider once more. No public document ever more unmercifully slashed a body of public men than this week's message to Congress does the heads of the great corporations of the Republic. And they deserve every word of it. Here is part of the message which gives an idea of the general tenor. After demanding the amendment of present anti-trust laws so that many of the technical evasions of lawless corporations will be impossible and forecasting a determination to put the men responsible for these lawless plots in prison instead of having courts impose fines, he says: "Under no circumstances would we countenance attacks upon law-abiding property, or do ought but condemn those who hold up rich men as being evil men because of their riches. On the contrary, our whole effort is to insist upon conduct, and neither wealth nor property nor any other class distinction as being the proper standard by which to judge the actions of men. For the honest man of great wealth we have a hearty regard, just as we have a hearty regard for the honest politician and honest newspaper. But part of the movement to uphold honesty must be a movement to frown on dishonesty. We attack only the corrupt men of wealth, who find in the purchased politician the most efficient instrument of corruption and in the purchased newspapers the most efficient defender of corruption. Our main quarrel is not with these agents and representatives of the interests. They derive their chief power from the great sinister offenders who stand behind them."

"They are but mere puppets who move as the strings are pulled. It is not the puppets, but the cunning men and the mighty forces working for evil behind and through the puppets, with whom we have to deal. We seek to control law-defying wealth; in the first place to prevent its doing dire evil to the republic, and in the next place to avoid the vindictive and dreadful radicalism which, if left uncontrolled, it is certain in the end to arouse. Sweeping attacks upon all property, upon all men of means, without regard to whether they do well or ill, would sound the death-knell of the republic; and such attacks become inevitable if decent citizens permit those rich men whose lives are corrupt and evil to dominate in swollen pride, unchecked and unbridled, over the destinies of this country."

We venture to say that these words will live in history, and particularly the last paragraph quoted. Between the forces of corporation greed and those of anarchy, the country to the south is in a very bad way and while in Canada, they have not attained the strength that they have on the other side of the line, we feel their influence and are confronted with the same problems as our American cousins. The difference between the situation as it confronts the two peoples: one merely of degree not of kind and such a clarion call as Mr. Roosevelt's sounds should awaken a response throughout the whole continent. The need was never greater for intelligent action on the part of honest citizens. We believe that Mr. Roosevelt is in earnest. But one thing he needs to do before he thoroughly convinces a large section of the public that he is, and that is to come out for a reform of the iniquitous tariff that the United States has bolstered up for the benefit of organized selfishness. Bring the tariff down even to the level of that of the Dominion, and the grip of the trusts on the nation will be very largely released. Mr. Roosevelt before he attained a high place in politics was a pronounced free trader and there is every reason to believe that it is only party exigency which has prevented his giving



No. 2

EDMONTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE: Or what we may expect if the City limits go on extending.

City Alderman for the North Pole Ward, returning home after a Council Meeting.

N.B. This fortunate (?) Alderman can only attend one meeting per annum as it takes him 5 months 329 days to get to the City Hall and 30 days to return. The extra day on his journey home is accounted for by reason of his having to travel up-hill all the way! His wife does not seem pleased and accuses him of wasting time. He travels light as regards baggage, having drunk most of it on the way. The Electric Light Dept. must be congratulated as the incandescent lamp on the top of the Pole is burning brightly. The Electric Bell is out of order.

expression to his real fiscal views. Surely he is big enough and strong enough to do so now.

Another phase of the activity of American plutocrats has been brought to light by the New York murder trial which ended the other day in the acquittal of the prisoner on the ground of insanity. Harry Thaw and Stanford White may have been exaggerated types of their class in some respects, but it is reasonably certain that a very large proportion of those to whom the economic conditions prevalent in the Republic have brought great wealth are, in the second generation particularly, leading most disreputable, useless lives. Immorality in business joined to immorality in private life has never failed to create social unrest and to lead to constitutional breakdown.

As to the Thaw trial, the most satisfactory part about the result is that we have heard the last of the case. A disagreement and a repetition through the newspapers of all the filthy details that went to make up the evidence would have been a great public calamity. Some newspapers on both sides of the lines have had a keen enough sense of their responsibility to their readers to withhold much of the testimony.

But anyone who wanted to read the whole of it found little difficulty in securing it.

The test is a pretty severe one for a newspaper and it is satisfactory to note so many papers stood it so well.

People talk a very great deal about the duty of the press. But the fact is, most newspaper workers have stricter ideas as to what they should write and publish than the public at large. There is nothing which sells a newspaper so easily as that which panders to the lowest of human passions and if a newspaper man only wants to make money, his course is a very easy one.

The subject has been raised in recent weeks in both this country and in England. In Toronto, two newspapers attempted to out-do the New York yellows in their reports of the Thaw trial, and the others quite properly asked the question as to the propriety of their course.

In London, the Times has passed into the control of a man who stands for newspaper methods, which are usually described as "American." We think the word is wrongly applied, for the reason that in the United States and in the city of New York, in our humble opinion, there are the very best as well as the

very worst newspapers in the world. But Mr. Pearson, who has bought the Times, is to England very much what Mr. Hearst is to New York, and the announcement that he had secured a property, which had so long been regarded as a national institution, was received, an English exchange tells us, with feelings very much akin to those which would be manifested if Westminster Abbey had been bought by the Shakers.

Referring to Mr. Pearson's journalistic method, the London Nation has this to say:

"Between it and the method of the Times newspaper, a great gulf has been fixed all through the period when the sensational Press, closely copied from American journalism, was establishing itself in this country. The Americanized Press has gifts of its own. But it is no more than the bare truth to say that it tends to be untrustworthy in news; ignorant, slight, and superficial in its comment; shift, insincere, and exaggerative in tone; and disposed to feed, and to feed to excess, the common appetites of the people—the appetite for gambling, the appetite for hearing about crime, the appetite of curiosity about the private doings of the rich and the ostentatious vulgar. From these failings, the columns of the Times, while open to many prejudices have been kept conspicuously free."

The above statement of what is meant by yellow journalism could not be improved upon. It is for the people to say what they prefer. Newspaper men are not many of them philanthropists and if they find that it does not pay to be reliable or to show common every-day decency, they will surrender themselves to the methods, which prove remunerative, or retire from the calling altogether.

The leading event of the week was, of course, the assassination of the King of Portugal and his son, the Crown Prince. It is somewhat difficult at this distance to appreciate just what led to the tragedy. In another part of the paper a somewhat extended reference is made to the dead monarch and to the position of his royal house. Stupendous as the crime was, we have grown so accustomed to such happenings that they create little more than a momentary stir. The thought of practically everyone in this part of the globe, as he reads what the newspapers have to say of the crime, is that he is glad he lives where there is no such social unrest as on the continent of Europe. A little home on the Canadian prairie gives a thousand times more happiness than a royal palace in the old world.

is a most unfortunate one and reflects discredit upon those who were responsible for the agreement. The only thing for the present council to do was to make as sure as possible of its legal ground and then go ahead.

The Medicine Hat News says editorially:

"The Imperial Bank at Edmonton is carrying that city for an overdraft of \$445,000, the council for \$400 getting a further advance of \$225,000 from that bank. How is it that Edmonton can be financed by the banks when other places are placed in the position of beggars and forced to sell bonds on a sacrifice market to square their bank accounts?"

The obvious answer is, of course, that the banks know a good thing when they see it. And there are others who do. On Thursday night the Edmonton council accepted the offer of Coates, Son and Co. London, (made through their local agents, Carruthers, Round and Co.) for over half a million dollars worth of five per cent debentures at \$95 10s 6d per £100 sterling. This is three per cent higher than the price realized on the last issue and the highest debentures for a long while back. The bargain gives clear indication of what the leaders of the financial world think of the city's future.

The Edmonton council has cancelled the contract with the Lorimer Company and the result is that the city hardly knows where "it is at" in respect to the telephone situation. The contract with the Lorimer people was signed on May 23, 1906. The system was to be installed within seven months after the ratification of the agreement. That at least was the way the contract was supposed to read, though the company's solicitors in their letter to the city now say that they do not admit that there has been any default on their part. In the meanwhile the citizens have been exercising patience under the greatest inconvenience. Applications that were made for phones two years ago cannot be filled and there is no definite assurance that they can be for another two years. The company, no matter what its legal rights, cannot claim that it has not been treated with consideration. The council could not be expected to dilly-dally any longer and be put off from month to month with this and that explanation. Some decisive action had to be taken and after satisfying itself that it was acting within its legal rights, it did not hesitate to take it. Of course, if it turns out that the city is tied up in such a way by the agreement that it has to wait indefinitely for the company to fulfil its contract, its position

is a most unfortunate one and reflects discredit upon those who were responsible for the agreement. The only thing for the present council to do was to make as sure as possible of its legal ground and then go ahead.

But it is another and more difficult matter to decide what the next step is to be. The Strouger Company of Chicago has its representative on the spot and offers to deposit \$10,000 as a guarantee that it will ship its outfit during the present month, to give a \$100,000 bond to protect the city in case of litigation between the competing companies and another \$25,000 bond that its system will be in operation by the first of April. But before this offer is accepted, it has been decided to wait for a new proposition from the Lorimer people. Then, the suggestion has been made that the opportunity is a good one to hand over the franchise to the government and have the city system part of the provincial. The latter idea is one that should be gone into very carefully. The advantages which such an arrangement could offer are many and obvious.

The completion of the handsome new Y.M.C.A. building, which was opened with appropriate ceremony, by the Lieutenant-Governor on Wednesday means the beginning of a new era for the young men of Edmonton. Such an institution, properly conducted, can be made to influence profoundly the lives of those who are brought within its influence. In a new city like this it is particularly needed. As has been pointed out in these columns on several occasions, the directors have shown an exceedingly broad-minded spirit in the policy which they have adopted. In the gentleman who took over the work in its initial stages, Mr. Chadwick, they had a man exceptionally fitted for the task, and if the lines which he was so largely instrumental in having laid down are followed, the Saturday News has no doubt about the Y.M.C.A.'s value to the community. In Mr. Ward, Mr. Chadwick's successor as secretary, the directors have found an official of experience and enthusiasm and he will carry with him into the work the best wishes of all right-thinking citizens.

Mr. H. J. Symington of Winnipeg, G.T.P. solicitor, has been in the city this week. Before the commission he protested against the inclusion of the company's property to the north of the city in the city limits.

AT THE LEGISLATURE

The Legislature is making rapid progress with its work and there is every indication that prorogation will take place in about two weeks' time. The most important bill introduced during the past week was that which Mr. Cushing had in charge providing for workmen's compensation. The difficulties of introducing such a measure are much less now than they would be later when industry has developed in the province to a greater extent and the government has done a very wise thing in putting the legislation on the statute books at this stage in our growth. It follows almost wholly along the lines of that in force in England, where it has been fully tested by experience. It is only in case of serious and wilful misconduct that the workman loses his claim to compensation and the onus of proving this misconduct is placed upon the employer. The advantage is of course very much with the worker, but it is only right that it should be. The employer is in a position to protect himself against loss. The workman very seldom is.

But the most animated discussion of the week, and indeed of the whole session, was that over Mr. Robertson's resolution calling upon the government to take measures to have the Union Jack fly over every school receiving assistance from the funds of the province. The Premier, speaking for the administration held that it was unwise to make this a compulsory requirement. He was of the opinion that patriotism would be best stimulated by leaving the matter on a voluntary basis. He therefore moved an amendment which was adopted substituting the clause: "It is advisable to have the national flag displayed in every school room in the province and the pupils taught what it stands for, to aid in fostering the patriotic spirit in the minds of the children."

Some excellent speeches emphasizing the Premier's view were made. One remark of Mr. Robertson's drew Mr. Rosenroll of Wetaskiwin to his feet. Mr. Rosenroll was born in Italy and he took exception to the statement of the leader of the Opposition that the children of the newcomers from the continent of Europe were growing up without a sense of patriotism.

It was not the flying of flags, he declared, that made patriotism, nor had it ever been so. It was the condition of affairs that surrounded the flags.

"If we make this a free and good country," he declared, "one of law and order and British fair play, then loyalty and patriotism will spring up of itself. If we do not make such a country as this—we must remember that any country without these conditions will rise against the flag."

Mr. Rosenroll was warmly applauded, but there was hardly any excuse in Mr. Robertson's remarks for the resentment shown by the member for Wetaskiwin. The government's position is a sound one. In new countries, which find it difficult to maintain a school, it would be a hardship to force them to make this additional outlay and the fact would not tend to give them any particular love for the flag. It is best to leave the matter on a voluntary basis, but the leader of the Opposition, nevertheless, did good service in bringing to public attention the need of having the flag and what it stands for constantly before the growing generation. Even if the newcomers from other than British countries are good law-abiding citizens, as Mr. Rosenroll says they are, there is need, if Canadians are to be a homogenous people, of instilling in their minds ideas of Imperial and national loyalty. They can hardly be expected to have these. They may be (Continued on page 5)

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About Town.

Superintendent McCaig of the
Edmonton schools estimates that
the city's population at over 21,000.
There were enrolled in 1906 in all
standards of the public and high
schools 1,641 pupils. This was an
increase of about 35 per cent over
the enrollment of 1905. The number
enrolled in 1907, which was 2,285
means a still greater per centage of
increase, being about 39 per cent
above the enrollment of 1906. If the
adult population kept pace with the
school population, and it is reason-
able to suppose that it has sur-
passed it owing to the influx of single
labor, the population in March
1906 and the 39 per cent addition
is based on an addition of 35
per cent to the 11,163 people of
March 1905, which gives 15,255 in
March 1906 and the 39 per cent ad-
dition to this would give a total at
present of 21,677.

The new Archibald block will be
occupied about the middle of the
month.

On Wednesday evening Major
Thibodeau gave a very instructive
talk on the Japanese question at
the Liberal Club.

Evangelist Robert McFarland of
Toronto is holding very successful
nightly services in McDougall
church.

At the Canadian Club on Monday
Mr. J. K. Cornwall gave a very in-
teresting address on "The needs of
the north." More money should be
spent on the country, he held. There
was a pressing need for trunk roads.
"Edmonton," he declared, "will be
assailed from the east, south and
west. But she will always be
supreme in the north. She is the
Gibraltar of the north and her
future depends on the development
of that country."

R. Roberts, convicted of stealing
jewellery from S. Nankin, was given
six months at the Fort by Judge
Taylor.

A pot of tar was responsible for a
blaze at the new Alexander Taylor
store in the east end on Wednes-
day, which threatened the de-
struction of the building.

A man named Maxine Phillips
was placed under arrest at Andrew,
near Lamont, on Friday night, in-
charged with the murder of a dis-
reputable woman named Monty
Lewis at Blairmore last December.
The murder was of the Jack the
Ripper kind, the unfortunate
woman's body having been horribly
mutilated by the murderer. At the
time of the tragedy the Mounted
Police of that district held a Chin-
man under suspicion for some time,
but this was evidently used as a
blind and they have been quietly
working on another clue, with the
result of Phillips's arrest.

Mr. Alfred Alleyne Jones has re-
tired from the presidency of Alberta
Agencies, Ltd. His resignation was
presented to the annual meeting
of the company this week and Mr.
David S. Macfarlane was elected
to the position. Mr. J. St. Clair
Balekett was elected managing
director and secretary.

An evening entertainment will be
held in connection with the formal
opening of the Alexander Taylor
store at an early date.

Mr. Harrison Young made a most
valuable contribution to the stock of
general knowledge regarding the
resources of this country by his ad-
dress on the fur bearing animals of
the west at the First Presbyterian
church on Saturday night. The
meeting was held under the aus-
pices of the Natural History Club.
Mr. Young, who speaks from intimate
acquaintance with the fur
industry, extending over a long
period of years, made exhaustive
treatment of the subject, interspers-
ing the address with several enjoy-
able anecdotes.

The latest development in connec-
tion with the legal proceedings
over the Alberta, Windsor and King
Edward Hotels is the appointment
by Mr. Justice Scott of Mr. H. M.
Martin as receiver for the three
hostelries in place of C. T. Pinfold.
Three actions in connection with
the partnership in these hotels of
Messrs. McDougall, Second and York
are now before the courts.

Thomas Somerset, the coal mine
employee, who was injured in the
dynamite explosion last week, has
had to have one eye removed and
may lose the other as well.

The Royal House of Portugal

Which was the Victim of so Horrible
a Tragedy the other day

The reigning dynasty of Portugal
belongs to the House of Braganza,
which dated from the end of the
fourteenth century, at which period
Alfonso, an illegitimate son of King
John I., was created by his father,
Count of Barcellos and Duke of
Braganza. Then the old line of
Portuguese kings became extinct by
the death of King Sebastian and
King Henrique, Philip II. of Spain
became King of Portugal by means
of his defence of a Portuguese prin-
cess.

After sixty years' union under
the same kings with Spain, the peo-
ple of Portugal revolted and pro-
claimed the then Duke of Braganza
king, he being the nearest Portu-
guese heir to the throne. The duke
thereupon assumed the name of
John IV., and from him the present
rulers of Portugal are descended.

Don Carlos I. was the third sover-
eign of Portugal of the line of the
Braganzas. His reign, since his ac-
cession to the throne has been mar-
ked by serious colonial, financial,
social and political troubles. He was
once before the subject of a murder-
ous attack, having been stoned in
the street by an anarchist twelve
years ago.

KING'S DEATH WARRANT.

The Government order signed
the other day by King Carlos forbid-
ding public gatherings of any kind
and giving magistrates the fullest
powers to deal with political offend-
ers and at the same time character-
izing as high treason anti-mon-
archical activity, was the death war-
rant of the King and Crown Prince.
His majesty signed it at Villa
Vieosa, and it was quickly circu-
lated. This aroused the anti-dynasty
adherents to a state of frenzy, and it
was publicly proclaimed that all
members of the royal house and the
present ministry had been marked
for death.

By seizing the leaders of the
uprising which was scheduled to
have taken place last Tuesday, it
was believed the Government had
obtained control of the situation.
This, however, seems to have been a
wholly false impression. The whole-
sale arrests of the last few days ad-
ded to the general complex situa-
tion. For weeks Premier Franco
has not slept twice in the same
house, and each night he has been
guarded by a cavalry troop who
have patrolled the residence where
he slept. But it was hoped the
King would be safe in Villa Vieosa.
It is admitted that for months,
arms, ammunition and bombs have
been smuggled across the border,
and the change has been made that
certain leading Portuguese mer-
chants had pooled their fortunes to
finance the revolution.

Following the arrest of the plott-
ers in the national library last
Tuesday the police of Lisbon got
possession of the plans for the in-
surrection. It had been intended to
swing a lantern from the tower of
the national library and armed
bands were then to have seized the
city, aided by a ship in the harbor
on which was to have been mounted
cannon to demolish the Government
palace.

King Carlos' last gazzetted decree
is the most sweeping public docu-
ment ever promulgated in Portugal.
It was made retroactive on Janu-
ary 21, suspended Parliamentary
immunity, compared all persons con-
victed of political agitation to criminals
and deprived them of civil
rights.

The King in signing it justified it
by declaring it necessary to remove
the leaders and instigators of agi-
tation against public order before the
country was deluged with blood.

PUT CROWN IN PAWN.

Carlos personally was an amiable
man. Also, he was possessed of un-
usual intelligence. In his royal di-
gnity, he was a type of the heredi-
tary monarch of a bankrupt king-
dom of the past. By tact more than
by bluntness he managed for years
to keep peace at home, and content-
ment in the colonies, and he did not
hesitate when he found it necessary
to call a halt on several European
powers in the game of aggrandize-
ment in Africa.

The King was democratic. He

would have none of the rigid rules
of court etiquette applied to him-
self, and he went where and when
he pleased. Paris knew him well,
and he called upon England's King
for a little sport at bird shooting
with the same freedom of formality
he would employ in playing tennis.

The great difficulty King Carlos
found in his domains for many years
was the acquirement of money. He
was fond of spending and the peo-
ple could not fill his purse readily
enough to suit him. The royal
crown and the sceptre were put in
paw at different times, the king
taking no heed at any criticism. He
was absolutely devoid of any fear
that his throne was crumbling or
that his monarchy was in danger
of evolving into a republic.

Portugal would never have put up
with the King's follies were it not
for the fact that the people could
never agree on a set policy of
remedy. Carlos would have had a
short reign if his subjects could have
harmonized in opinion and at the
same time could have trusted one
another. Different factions, how-
ever, were jealous of each other and
upon this, Carlos, knowing the
world as he did, depended to keep
him safe.

ALWAYS DEMANDED MONEY.

In the stormiest periods of Carlos'
career, the nobility, clergy, and
peasantry were in favor of seating
the Legitimist pretender, Don
Miguel, belonging to the old royal
family. The middle classes, the
professional men and the town peo-
ple favored the establishment of a
republic, and the universities were
hotbeds of republicanism. All the
while, Carlos kept up his unceasing
demands for money with which to
enjoy himself.

An excuse was found for his love
of outdoor sports by some writers
because of his great fear of obesity.
Once trim and neat in figure, the
King steadily became heavier
until his rotundity was oppressive
to him. To overcome this, he built
tennis courts, established game
preserves, and while trying to
reduce his weight his philosophical
nature transformed all his labor into
pure enjoyment.

Jolly King Carlos, as he was some-
times called, enjoyed the most re-
markable surroundings of any Euro-
pean monarch. His castle was
named "Los Necessidades," which
means "those in need." The King
always joked about the name. To
change it would have been a sacrile-
ge, for the building was formerly a
convent.

FLOODED WITH BILLINGS-GATE.
In 1907, during debates in Parlia-
ment, the King was a target for so
much Billingsgate that the monarchs
of Europe were concerned for the
dignity that should attach to the
throne. The adage that "The King
can do no wrong," did not hold good
with his subjects, for they freely
called him what names they pleased.
Yet Jolly King Carlos lived merrily,
heard of threats with a light laugh
and a shrug of his huge shoulders
and continued to be king.

He was devoted to his Queen, and
he admired greatly her efforts to
alleviate the suffering of his people,
for the Queen is the only member
of royalty in Europe who signs M. D.
after her name. Carlos indulged her
in her practice of medicine, and
also in her establishment of hospi-
tals and infirmaries.

During the Boer war troops were
embarking and departing on a small
strip of Portuguese territory between
the Transvaal and the ocean on the
east. Carlos issued instructions
that this should cease, and sent
troops to back up his words. The
foreign troops kept off his territory

In this Carlos was serious.
The King had the fondest affec-
tion for his two sons—the eldest,
Louis Philippe, Duke of Braganza,
being heir to his throne.

Whatever may be said of Carlos,
he took life easy; he never worried
over affairs of state or anything at
all, unless it was in securing money
from his subjects to pursue his cam-
paign of enjoyment. While he may
not have lived for the betterment
of the world, he did live happily,
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1900	403,281.37	83,385.17	486,666.54	472,637.00	2,013,888.87	5.37	15,408,442.00
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When the Premier, Six Members of the Legislature and the Whole Countryside were present as the Guests of the two A.F.A. branches.

There was no sign of the depression that we sometimes read about in the papers, at Clover Bar last Friday night when a gathering was held under the auspices of the Clover Bar and East Clover Bar branches of the Alberta Farmers' Association, which was as universal as it was enjoyable. No less than seven members of the Legislature, including the Premier of the Province, were present, while the whole countryside was represented. An oyster supper was served in the League room of the church early in the evening, which did the utmost credit to the good ladies of the settlement and all who assisted them. For the meeting an adjournment was made to the schoolhouse across the road, in which every inch of available room was occupied, while sixty or seventy persons had to be turned away.

Mr. W. F. Stevens, secretary of the Alberta Farmers' Association, occupied the chair. In opening the meeting he called attention to the fact that it was in that very hall that the constitution of the Alberta Farmers' Association, in practically its present form, was adopted. He briefly referred to the objects of the organization. The west, like the father of the girl for whose hand a young man was setting forth his claims, asked "What can you do?" The association had shown what it could do and had, he believed, fully justified the support of the public at large and particularly of those directly interested in agriculture.

PRESIDENT FLETCHER.

The principal address was that of Mr. Joshua Fletcher of Ellerslie, president of the A.F.A. Mr. Fletcher sketched what the association had accomplished and what it still had to do. One of its first successes was in connection with the tariff. As an evidence of what it had been able to do along with other western agricultural organizations, he cited Mr. Fielding's statement that in legislation, the interests of the farmers of the west must be paramount. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association he held to be one of the farmer's greatest enemies, while the C.P.R. was another. There was also the grain exchange and the beef combine, against both of which the association would continue to exert itself in the past. At some length Mr. Fletcher referred to the Japanese immigration question and pointed out how the evidence had shown the C.P.R. was very largely responsible for its recent trouble on account of its importation of Japanese laborers. He regretted that the leader of the Opposition was not present, as had intended to give him some advice on the policy he should adopt. For one thing he should ask to have the flag fly over every school. For another, he should not be a cautious critic of any measure the government might introduce for the benefit of the farmer. In conclusion Mr. Fletcher declared that in neither United States nor in Canada were the old parties as sure of their position as they were. The independent vote was making itself felt and farmers' organizations, properly conducted, would tend to break down party lines more than ever. Incidentally Mr. Fletcher paid a warm tribute to the Alberta Home-Steak, which was roundly applauded.

Mr. J. R. Boyle M.P.P. made a most effective speech, giving in very clear and concise fashion his ideas of what a government should stand for in a new country like this. For one thing it should stand between the farmers and the corporations. The A.F.A. had done splendid work before the grain and beef commissions. Whatever action the government determined to take on the recommendations of the latter would have his warm support. Special importance attached to Mr. Boyle's declaration, coming as it did from the secretary of the grain commission, that the Grain Standards Board was no friend of the Alberta farmer, and that if they wanted a

Fame

"Not guilty," said the foreman of the jury. I "eaved a sigh of relief, for it was my pal Bill as was being tried for murdering a mate of 'is called Alf Awkins. The trial 'ad lasted four days and was the talk of the town. The Prime Minister, who was abroad for 'is 'ealth, was lucky if 'is bulletins got a blessed line in the papers, for every column was about Bill. Duchesses, dramatists, and dustmen, like myself, fought 'ard for place in Courts. K.C.'s 'ad been at it daily 'ammer and tongs, and more than once things 'ad looked uncommon black for the neck of my pal Bill. 'Awkins, yer sez, 'ad been found shot dead in 'is own house with a revolver that was Bill's, and when nabbed and searched Bill 'ad on 'im more money than 'e could account for, not to mention a few nickknacks that 'ad belonged to 'is pal. A witness swore the dead man 'ad told 'im Bill meant to murder 'im, and Bill was obstinate and wouldn't give no account of 'is whereabouts on the night the job was done, but only kept on saying as 'ow "Alf 'Awkins was 'is best pal, and 'e 'ad never done 'im no 'arm in 'is life."

"All's well as ends well," and though I never could 'ave believed as 'ow Bill could be a cold-blooded murderer I was just glad to hear the Beak say the evidence was inconclusive, and the jury acquit 'im.

Then for the next few weeks Bill 'ad a mighty fine time. Interviews in the daily papers, the story of 'is life in a weekly (and didn't them editors pay—better than Limericks), 'is portrait on the sennyntograph, not to mention a enterprising music 'Alf Sydnickit, finding 'as Bill 'ad a good voice and fair notion of singing, billed 'im large in "Excerpt from the Sacred Oratorio's" for the 'Alfs, each doing 'em 'ouses nightly.

Two 'undred quid a week for a matter of a month 'e got, and the Sydnickit apologized for not making it more, explaining as Bill 'ad only been tried for murderin' a man, and their clerical preferred a case with a woman in it.

Bill took it all very quiet and a bit mysterious like: 'owever, at the end of a month 'e found 'imself with a matter of fifteen hundred quid in a bank. Then 'e took 'an bought the "Blue Dragon" with 'is 'earned wealth, and the 'ouse soon did a roarin' trade, for Bill was 'ero, my word!

One afternoon, a drizzly sort o' day, I dropped in on the "Blue Dragon" myself to pay my respects to Bill, and wish 'im luck in 'is new venture.

Though the bars were crowded and beer and gin a-flyin' round, Bill looked down in the mouth, but seemed to cheer up a bit when 'e saw me, and asked me to step inside the bar parlor. 'Aving shut the door, 'e offered me a seat and a drop o' gin. I asked 'im 'ow 'e was feelin', and 'is answer gave me a rare start. "D'you know," sez 'e, "I'd give this pub an' all to 'ave a clear conscience, and old Alf 'Awkins alive again."

I suppose me thoughts showed in me face, for 'e sez quick, "Don't be a fool, I didn't murder 'im, but there's more be'ind than Scotland Yard knows on. Look 'ere, I must tell someone; can I trust yer not to split?"

"'Ave yer a' o'ly Bible?" I inquired, 'but 'e took me 'and and sez, "Fair does it, that's good enough for me."

Then 'e began in a far-off sort o' voice, "You remember old Alf 'Aw-

kins," 'e sez "'e 'ad a lot o' trouble afore 'e died; 'lost 'is wife, 'lost 'is child, 'lost the use o' 'is 'right 'and, and would 'a lost 'is job but—Death took 'im. Death took 'im," Bill repeated in a voice so strange that the cold shivers ran down me back. Without saying of another word 'e put 'is left 'and in 'is breast pocket and 'anded 'me a letter, which I recognized as the writing of the departed Alf.

"Dear Bill" (it ran.)

"I've 'ad more than my share o' trouble and life don't seem worth nothing without my old woman and the little kid, and I've made up my mind to end it. First, I intended just to make a hole in the water, but then I thought of you, as 'ad always been a true blue pal, and I thinks out a better way. So I took the liberty o' borrowing your popgun when I came to see you tonight, and I put all my money and a few odds and ends o' mine into your pocket, and I told Stumpy, as lives next door, as you'd sworn to kill me. I'll just post this letter to you, and then come back and finish it all, but I'll take care to shoot myself, so it don't look like a suicide, and if you play the game, gets arrested and have a exciting trial, what with the newspapers, and the music halls, you ought easy to make a tidy bit out o' my death.

"It's an ill wind," and good luck to you, mate.

"Your's now and always, "Alf Hawkins."

"P.S.—If things go nasty at the trial, this letter and a alibi will easy save your neck."

"There ain't many pals like Alf," sez Bill, in a tone like, as I 'anded back the letter. He 'elped 'imself to another drop o' gin, and sez apologetic, for there was tears in 'is eyes, "I ain't got over 'is death yet."

Walter Herbage, in London Nation.

TO MY NEW FOUND HOME.

Where the prairies roll in their boundless sweep,
And the chinook winds their rhythm keep
To the onward march of conquering man
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For men are building a nation there:
In town, in village and peaceful farm
They build with zeal and with mighty arm.

And they come, at the call of the Golden West,
With high resolve in each earnest breast.
They cross the border, they cross the sea,
For here is health and prosperity.

The sun shines bright on that western plain,
O'er the meadows fair, and the fields of grain
That stretch afar till the view grows dim
In the distant haze of the horizon's rim.

My new found home—oh, I love thee well,
Thy upland plain and thy wooded dell.
Thy lakes and rivers—but most I prize
Thy balmy days and thy azure skies.

I love the peace of thy sunset glow;
When the eric's chirp and the lark sing low;
And the breezy call of thy early morn
That stirs to action like martial horn.

My country bright is the future for you,
Great are the things that men will do
When all thy treasures shall be revealed
From mountain and forest and open field.

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The retirement of Mr. J. J. Young from the Calgary Herald is an event of no small importance in Western Canadian journalism. The control of the Herald passes to the Southern family, which already own the Hamilton Spectator and the Ottawa Citizen. Mr. J. H. Woods remains as editor and manager. Mr. Young's name will always stand for rare courage and enterprise. He made the Herald a splendid property at a time when few would have thought, considering the stage of the country's growth, was possible. In addition he was an unusually public spirited citizen and has done much for Calgary and the West in a large variety of ways. Into the comparative freedom, which he will now enjoy after many years of unabated and strenuous endeavor he will carry the best wishes of scores of friends. In announcing the change, the Herald says:

"There is no man living in Western Canada today who has been so thoroughly in touch for so long a time with the growth of the country as Mr. Young, and it may be added with no man living in the West today who has taken a more active part in the development of the country and in its fight for recognition. Mr. Young, although still very much in the fighting line has spent nearly a quarter of a century in the West."

Twenty years ago he was editor of the Regina Leader when only nineteen years old. In his early twenties he founded the Mousomin Spectator, the Grenfell Sun, and other Western papers which are today very much alive and kicking. But the greatest achievement of all, and the highest tribute to his business energy and ability, was his raising of The Herald from absolute bankruptcy to the enviable position which it occupies in the journalistic world today. The man who has proved his ability in this endeavor, has made good his claim as an able journalist and a capable man of business.

"In 1894 Mr. Young came to Calgary. At that time The Herald was suffering from a complication of diseases, most of which were due to internal causes. For economical reasons and in the hope that a change of climate might prove beneficial, the plant had been shortly before moved from a pretentious building on Stephen avenue to more modest quarters on Centre street, a building now occupied as a restaurant. The paper was a four page six column paper with a more or less up to date clothes line telegraphic service. Any delay in the Westbound train service played havoc with the wires. People paid five cents for the paper and were mad because there was nothing in it. Next day they did not buy it, and were mad because there did happen to be something in it that day. The paper came out when it came out. The time depended on the temper of the old Wharfedale press and of the pressman, who was also foreman, assistant editor, make-up man and general constabulary. The business staff spent all his time at the bank drawing on customers who might possibly pay, and refusing drafts which there was no money to pay. Pay day among the staff was a glorious day when the ghost walked. Sometimes the ghost was paralyzed. This was The Herald as Mr. Young found it. In conjunction with Mr. C. A. Macgrath, Leithbridge, Mr. Young purchased the property at something like six per cent of its present value."

The Seattle Argus has this to say regarding a C.P.R. official, who is well known in all parts of Canada: "Who is Ham? Well, his origin is veiled in mystery. He is not a descendant of the Ham who came out of the ark. Some say that he is the original Ham. Be that as it may, he is one of the most delightful men in the country. He is one of the real men of the C.P.R. The road could no more get along without him than it could without motive power. And yet he has no title, and no position. He is simply the professional jollier. He can make a callow youth feel like a man of age and experience. Before his honeyed words the grey hairs of the grand-mother disappear. He is full to the brim of sunshine."

The death has been recorded during the week of two well known old

time residents of Alberta. Dr. J. A. Tierney of St. Albert was taken to the Misericordia hospital on Monday after an illness of several weeks, and died the next day. He occupied a large place in the life of St. Albert and district and had friends all over the country.

Mr. M. Macdonald, "little Mac" as he was called, had been a resident of Calgary since 1888. As a promoter of milling and other enterprises he was brought into touch with a large number of people throughout Alberta. His enthusiasm in regard to the future of the country was most contagious. He was a native of County Clare, Ireland.

A visitor to Edmonton during the past week was Dr. H. G. Barrie who came into national prominence as the Y.M.C.A. representative accompanying the first Canadian contingent to South Africa.

Rev. Father Lehou, vicar-general of the diocese of St. Albert, had the misfortune to be thrown from his sleigh a few days ago and received a shaking up.

Previous to his departure from Fort Saskatchewan, to accept his new charge at Calgary, Rev. Canon D'Easum was presented by the members of the band, of which he was the organizer and leader, with a case of pipes, a tobacco pouch and a box of Camco. The Rev. Canon is not the kind of clergyman who is afraid of being thought "one of the boys."

Mr. J. A. Vauquette, formerly of Edmonton, has been elected president of St. Mary's Club in Calgary.



MR. THOMAS BALAAAM

One of the most energetic and successful workers in the A.F.A. is Mr. Balaam, the secretary of the Vegreville branch who at the recent convention was elected a director. The record which he has established with his branch has afforded a most valuable example to other secretaries and has done him the greatest credit. The membership he expects will total two hundred in a short while and at every meeting something is done to justify the existence of the branch.

Mr. Balaam was born at Edmonton, England, on May 22, 1868. He enlisted in the army in 1886, being stationed successively in Ireland, Guernsey and Malta, and then spending five years in India. On retiring from the service, he engaged in business in Edmonton, England, for six years and came to Canada in 1900. The next year he located at Vegreville, which he has seen grow into one of the most flourishing communities in the west. He was one of the first directors of the Alberta Farmers' Association after its organization.



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At the Legislature

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fully satisfied with material conditions as they find them, but something more than this is necessary if we are to take our place among the nations of the world or as part of the British nation at large.

Mr. Robertson is introducing on Friday a resolution "that in the opinion of this House the Government of the province of Alberta, should acquire the railways in the province of Alberta running north and south, and should as a government undertaking extend the same into the northern portions of the province, to connect with the northern waterways of the said province, and tap the timber areas and the mineral beds of the said province, or alternately in the opinion of this House the Government of the province of Alberta should construct a railway from the most northerly terminus of any existing portion of the province for the purposes mentioned."

"And it is further the opinion of this House that when the government have so constructed a railway or have become the owner or operator of any such railway, the same should be placed under the absolute control of an independent commission."

This is a very large policy and the objection to it is the same as that urged against the temperance legislative programme of the Opposition. No one believes that either represents the opinion of the mass of the party, represented by Mr. Robertson and Mr. Hibert. There is at least no assurance that they do. Neither the party conventions nor the party journals have discussed them up-to-date and till they do, no one will take the resolutions moved in the House at all seriously. In the case of the above resolution, however, good will be accomplished by bringing the general question of provincial railway policy up for discussion.

The announcement made by the Premier as Minister of Education that satisfactory arrangements have been made for a uniform series of school readers in the three prairie provinces evoked widespread interest. The further information that in Alberta the readers would be furnished free to every boy and girl was warmly received. It is the government's intention to pursue a most thorough-going and enlightened educational policy. Every chance is to be given to the coming generation of Albertans to become worthy, in point of intelligence, of the great province that they will fall heir to.

There is strong competition for the site of the agricultural college. Lacombe, Gleichen, Lethbridge, and Leduc are in the running, while there are many who adhere to the idea that in the interests of economy and efficiency, the institution should be near the University. A deputation visited the government buildings from Leduc this week consisting of Mayor Gaetz, and Mr. T. A. Morris, president of the agricultural society, to present the claims of that town.

The Provincial Library has been moved to the basement of the Legislative building.

Edmonton Lodge, No. 22, Knights of Pythias, will hold an At Home in Mechanic's Hall on Monday evening, Feb. 10, at 8 o'clock.

A message from Sedgewick says that a surveying party of twenty men in charge of Engineer McMillan started on Wednesday on the Sedgewick-Edmonton cut-off to form the C.P.R. main line from Winnipeg. The line runs through the west side of the town almost due north eight miles, thence paralleling the G.T.P. to Edmonton.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

IMPORTS OF CHAMPAGNE INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE YEAR 1907

G.H. Mumm and Co	113,444
Muet and Chandon	788,411
Pommery and Greno	47,288
Vve. Clicquot	40,147
Krug and Co.	16,549
Louis Roederer	12,824
Ruinart Pere et Fils	9,365
Dry Monopole	8,489
Pol Roger and Co.	7,158
Due de Montebello	5,829
Ayala and Co.	2,892
Piper Heidsieck	2,681
Perrier Jouet	665
Delbeck and Co.	637
Various other imports	35,608
Total	380,333

Compiled from United States Custom House Records.

New Motor Train

Manchester had a passing glimpse recently, says an English paper, of a method of road transport which has created some interest in Ireland as likely to provide the solution to difficulties which have hitherto stood in the way of the practical application of the Iveagh-Pirrie scheme. It was the "Renard" road train. This may be composed of one locomotor and two passenger coaches and a goods van as was the case with the one unshipped at Manchester before proceeding to Coventry—or three goods vans or coaches. The motor is of 75 horse power (nominal), capable of development to about 100 horse power, and of drawing a load of 20 tons under ordinary conditions at ten miles an hour. The passenger coaches—one first and one second class—are fitted up in much the same fashion as railway compartments of corresponding classes, except that the seats are placed lengthways, instead of across. Each coach is capable of carrying thirty passengers. All the coaches and vans in these trains are mounted on six wheels, the center pair being driven by a universally jointed shaft from the locomotor. The driving coupling rods are independent of the steering coupling rods, and the method of propulsion puts little or no strain on any of these rods, as each follower is drawn at the same rate as the locomotor, and therefore requires no traction coupling. Experiment has proved that the followers do not part company on a level road even when the steering rods are uncoupled, and there is no connection between the units of the train and the locomotor except the telescopic driving rod. The steering can be backward as well as forward, and the train on view, although 80 feet long, could be turned in a circle of about 29 feet diameter, which equals the width of any ordinary road; indeed, it is claimed that the train can wind round a lamp post with the head lamps touching the tail lamps, and that the control of the complete train is no more complicated than that of a single motor car. The driver has merely to turn the steering wheel, and all the other actions follow automatically.

The mixed transport of passengers and goods by the Renard system, is already in operation in some European and Eastern countries. The benefit to districts which have no railways is great. The noise created seems less than that of an ordinary omnibus, and the vibration is reduced to a minimum by a special arrangement of compensating springs and axles. The cost is stated to be low.

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SITTINGS TAKEN DAY OR NIGHT



I read with much interest the letter in last week's Saturday News from "Querulous," which let us know that we should not call a district court judge "Mr. Justice" or a member of the Legislature an M.P.P. It struck me as rather strange that a gentleman who is so particular should have referred to the parliament that sits in London as "the parliament of England." It used to be the parliament of Great Britain and Ireland. When did Scotland and Ireland get home rule?

The incident reminds one of the boy who would insist on saying "I have went." The teacher told him to stay in after school and write "I have gone" a hundred times. He did so, but at the bottom of his slate, scratched this note:
Dear Teacher,
I have went. Jimmy.

It is a great gift to be able to give a gentle hint. The incident of Premier Roblin and his tooth pick that occurred when the Duke of York was visiting Winnipeg has gone down into history and is often recalled. The diplomacy of the Premier's friend is matched in this story.

"A one eyed man was suspected of cheating in a poker game in the town of Tin Can. He played on and on, till the chips were stacked so high on the table before him as nearly to hide him from view. Finally he won a huge jackpot. His one eye gleamed as he clawed in three bushels of blue chips, and in the sudden silence a tall, lean player rose.

The tall, lean player took his revolver from its holder, and juggling it carefully, he said:
"Gents, these cheatin' goin' on here. I ain't the kind o' gent to name names, nor make no personal allusions but if this cheatin' ain't stopped I'll shoot his other eye out an' then he'll be blind!"

Having lost the country printing, to which she thought she was entitled, and feeling that she needs a man to do her fighting and swearing for her, Miss Elizabeth Sohm, editor of the Storm Lake Vidette, Iowa, had taken advantage of leap year and "proposed" through her news paper in this wise.

"A constant fight for what rightfully belongs to her is a wear and tear on the nervous strain of any woman, and we have come to the belief that in order to stay in newspaper work and maintain our health we will have to marry some good printer. It is leap year, and this may be considered as a proposal by anyone who would be qualified to fill the vacancy so evident in The Vidette office."

C. A. Craig, the bachelor editor of The Lytton Star, accepted the proposal of marriage coming from such a talented woman conditionally in the last issue of his paper, thus:

"We believe we are eligible to fill the vacancy which Sister Sohm feels exists in her print shop. We are Missouri Democrats of forty years' standing, considered good printers. As to our fighting qualities, suffice to say we come from a family that kills. On the swearing proposition, our proof reader says that we'd be there with the goods, as we swear in seven different languages at once when things go wrong on press nights."

"But before we would agree to take up fair Lizzie's burdens she would have to show credentials as to her eligibility to the vacancy which we have known existed for some time at our wigwam. She must know how to make pancakes, fry ham and eggs and make good coffee. She must have the staying qualities to chase a dirty shirt up

and down a washboard until it becomes clean. She must know how to darn socks and the gable end of our trousers, etc. If the fair editor feels like filling a vacancy for a vacancy being filled we might make a swap."

If the Sohm-Craig negotiations had come off successfully, we might look for a large addition to the ranks of women journalists. Editors ought to have been at least able to call for tenders for the privilege of conducting their social columns. But a later despatch tells us that this was the telephone message which Miss Sohm sent back:
"I can cook and I can darn all right, and I am not at all afraid that Mr. Craig can't darn properly, or improperly, but he won't fill the bill, so the vacancy in my office still exists, and the offer is open if the right man comes along."

"Mrs. Donald told me a secret this morning after making me swear never to breathe it to a living soul," said young Mrs. Garry, as her husband was leaving for the office after luncheon.

"Well," he replied, as he struggled into his overcoat, "you'll have to hurry about telling me—I'm late at the office now."

Gertie (reading)—"The lovelorn swain of old Egypt went to chisel their love letters on bricks."

Harold—"They did? Well I bet none of the Cleopatras of those days slept with their love letters under their pillows."

Mr. Rosser—"Do you know I stood on the Bridge at Midnight?"
Miss Roslyn at the piano—"No, but I imagined from the way your voice sounded that you must have been standing in some exposed place."

The height of foolishness seems to have been reached in the Limerick craze. It is bad enough in Canada, but a great deal worse in the Old Country. According to an English newspaper the director of public prosecutions recently gave it as his opinion that the limerick competition does not fall within the operation of the laws for the suppression of lotteries; but the National Anti-gambling league intends to prosecute some London journal in a test case. If this prosecution fails, the league, it is said in despatches, will press a Parliamentary Bill designed to meet the situation regarded from its standpoint.

The craze is of comparatively recent growth. It had its origin thus: Some advertising genius discerned the hidden possibilities in the missing word idea, and at once proceeded to amplify and extend it. The result is the limerick, with the whole of the last line left out. Each competitor essays to supply the missing last line, and by forwarding it to the office of the paper in which the competition is proceeding, along with a fee of sixpence, he stands to win a proportion of all the sixpences contributed—less expenses, of course—provided his line is judged to be entitled to rank among the winners. A writer in one of the monthlies quotes an actual example:
A winsome young woman named May
Went out on a Bank Holiday
With a bright sailor lad;
But when they met her dad

In this particular instance the sixpences amounted in aggregate to £1685. Twenty first prize winners received £75 (£375) each. The line judged to be the best was

"Jack, R. N., bisected by A."
The humor of the line is not axiomatic or self-evident; it has to be demonstrated, and the task of demonstrating is not unattended with difficulty. R.N., bisected by A, gives RAN, and R. N., of course, stands for Royal Navy. The scintillating but cunning humor seems to lie in the idea of a navy man running from May's father."

According to Percy French, a London entertainer, "whose art is humorous and whose humor is artistic," this is the way Rudyard Kipling would have written "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep".
The Song of the Sheep.
And this is the song of the black sheep,
And the song of the white sheep too,
And the ank and the armadillo,
And the creek-kid knows its true:
"Have I wool?" said the baa, baa, black sheep,

"You ask me have I wool!
When I yield each year to the shepherd's shears
As much as three bags full!
Have I wool?" said the baa, baa, black sheep;
"It is found in the sailor's socks,
Retaining their heat through the driving sleet
And the gale of the equinox!"

San Francisco advices state that Madame Rudolph Lemieux, wife of the postmaster general of Canada, and who has the reputation of being one of the most fascinating women in our own country, arrived in that city on the Mongolia, from a twelve months' visit to Japan. She took apartments at the St. Francis hotel. The call says Madame Lemieux's charm of manner is one of the things over which official Canada raves. She seems to possess the happy faculty of making everyone she meets wish to do her a service.

"What do you think —" she was asked, when she interrupted with a laugh.

"My husband does the thinking," she returned. "You ought to interview him, and not me."

"They say he is one of the coming men of Canada. Is that correct?"

"Well now," she said demurely, "I have always thought so myself."

She flashed a smile which made everyone within sight stand at attention.

"What do you think —" the interviewer started again.

"I think it is perfectly delightful, loveable."

"What is?"

"Why San Francisco, of course. You were going to ask me that, were you not?"

Madame Lemieux spoke of the trip to Japan, saying that her husband had been called home two months ago.

"Do you know," she concluded, "that the finest thing I have noticed of the people one meets here is their invariable good humor. That, I think, is the secret of a great deal of success."

From which it might be gathered that Madame Lemieux adds to a very charming manner diplomatic powers which make it necessary for even her gifted husband to look closely to his laurels.

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TWILIGHT IN THE COUNTRY.

As twilight falls, the restless cars of day
Are softened, one by one; the
toiler rests

Beside the stream, and sadness steals away.

The solemn hush of evening fills the air.

Waiting for night:
Along the western ridges, rose-fair,
Lingers the light.

From out the glimmering distance
draws the river,
Slow gliding by, while scarcely
stirring breezes dusk and shiver

The mirrored sky.

All sounds are stilled; the breathless
woods and fields

Are steeped in rest.

High in the star-clear air a lone bird
wheels

Back to its nest.

All's still; save from the uncertain
distance comes

A tinkling bell;
And shifting swarms of insects
swofly hum

A softly spell.

The last light fades; the toiler's
head is bare

And bowed in reverence; and, fled
with peace,

His self-recovering soul low breathes
a prayer.

—W. J. Funk, in the Nassau Literary Magazine.

ON THE CITY OUTSKIRTS.

If over the sea lies Spain, over
the brow of the hill in Edmonton,

down on the banks of the river, and
along the flats lies a country equally

unknown to me. Here it is that the
coal camps pitch their tents, the

men who haul the sand and gravel
erect their homes, and here I found

myself one day last week, a flitter-
by in a carriage, barely touching,

barely getting a look in at this new
phase of life in this wonderful little

city of ours—but keenly, vitally
interested in what I saw.

I have boasted that I knew the
Edmonton of the past two years

intimately from A to Z. I take it all
back. If I know one half the alphabet

I am further advanced than I
now imagine.

Jasper Ave, the life that finds its
home in the pink tea circuit, of men

and women who do all the con-
ventional things in the old conven-

tional ways; who have mastered the
art (how subtle a one!) of smiling

when as a matter of fact they'd
like to strangle you—all this you

can tell me nothing—in this round
my daily life revolves, but of those

other people whose every hour of
life is more or less a struggle for

bare living, who go out in the morn-
ing and chop from gravel, or delve

down into the bowels of the earth,
where is no sunlight nor any bright

or radiant thing—of such an exis-
tence I have no more conception

than the babe unborn.

Oh, but I mean to. One peep at
a thing has never satisfied me yet.

I intend to learn what life means to
the man who lives just over the hill.

I want to know his joys, his hard-
ships, his aims and ambitions.

It was with no idea of all this
that I stowed myself away in the rig

to drive to Clover Bar on Friday
last. I was only going to an oyster

supper, an oyster supper where
there were to be any number of

speeches and a was to see some
very good friends. And as the

horses plunged along, through the
entirely new district to me of

Norwood, I was thinking of anything
in the world but the problems of

how a certain lot of men and women
should live, or what relation they

had to me and my aims.

The first thing that attracted my
attention was the little group of

stores in close proximity to Norwood
school. Quiet country-like places

of trade where there were any num-
ber of farmers' wagons hitched out

in front, and inside you could pur-
chase anything from a violin to a

roast of beef. Such busy centres—
such evidences of bustle, and pros-

perity and quick and profitable sales.

And then I commenced to notice
the children.

Little girls in coats too long for

them, with ripples in the back, one
remembered as smartly fashionable
how long ago. Small boys, some of
them in "longs," making them
look like so many dwarfs. A motley
collection, with the merriest faces
and brightest cheeks you could
hope to find.

And then we were out among
their homes, in the midst of another
Edmonton, where life apparently
throbbed with quite as rapid a heart
beat as in the fashionable west end
homes in the centre of the Capital,
and where, I am free to confess, I
saw far more to interest me.

Now I might spend a month of
Sundays among correct folk and
their luxurious environment and
never send a speculative glance the
way of either them or their pressed
brick mansions. Beautifully cur-
tained windows and pompous pro-
sperous householders amuse me not
at all. I know pretty much to a
certainty the various incidents that
make up the day behind the
Swiss nest and stiff lace draperies.

The probable late breakfast with
its appetizing bacon or eggs; Pater-
Familias helped into his great coat
and speeded city-wards with a kiss
or a complaint as to my lady's fickle
fancy ordains. The usual round of
happy household duties, luncheon,
calls, dinner, parties or the cheery
gatherings round hospitable grate
fires—I speak of the happiest phases
of an ordinary prosperous man and
woman's day.

In any or all of these incidents
imagination has no need to play a
part. But when you come to the
modest shacks probably put together
by His own hands; when you see a
woman scurrying across a break
in the fence to borrow her next door
neighbor's daily paper, which is
probably again passed on to Mrs.
Jones and again to Mrs. Smith;

when you have a glimpse through
an un-curtained window of lone
bachelors trying their solitary rash-
ers of bacon, or seated beside the
table, reading by the subdued light
of the little lamp that has to answer
for the entire lighting of the house
—when you see outside, hanging
on the side of the shack, half the
paraphernalia of the kitchen—then
speculation runs riot—here you
come close to something real, some-
thing that tantalizes you into want-
ing to know more; you begin to
realize that there are other things
in life than back-biting your dearest
friends. It comes to you that exist-
ence is after all a solemn thing.

Now, while a window full of
flowering plants may arouse a mo-
mentary interest on Fifth street, a
tin-can with a little sprig of green,
in a house on the flats takes captive
all my curiosity and fancy.

Fifth street may buy its flowers,
carelessly, as a small adjunct to the
general beauty of the room. They
may be a gift: bought and care-
fully tended because of the giver,
but that bright little can with its
slip of geranium, that wooden box
with its bed of tender green parsley
—who knows for what its touch
of modest beauty and freshness
and growing life stands in the general
scheme of things for the miner, the
hard-working drawer of coal, or his
wife and family.

Perhaps in that little shoot of
green the young English wife sees
far away England, perhaps in the
simple operation of watching and
tending it, down-cast hearts may
keep their faith and courage—one
can not know—but for myself I
never passed a window on that long
and eventful drive and saw within
one such small effort to introduce
a ray of brightness, but that my heart
beat quicker time and back at once
I telephoned "Thank the good Lord
for every man and woman, who,
however humble, reaches out in life
to place a bit of hopeful green in
the window."

Leaving the tents and houses in
the rear, I, cutting down the slope
to the river, we came upon such a
scene of activity as would astonish
anyone unacquainted with winter
conditions on the Saskatchewan.

Teams everywhere—horses heads
touching the carts and, apparently
an unending stream of them, but

with a small break, there they were
again. Loads of coal and loads of
gravel, loads of gravel and carts of
coal; for all the world like a long
circuit procession.

And where there weren't carts
there were men; men with picks
chopping gravel, thawed out by the
aid of little fires built on the ice,
others loading the waiting teams
a scene of never ending activity.

On my return trip I saw them
headed homewards, earnest-faced
men who looked done dead out.
And the horses what of them? The best
looked-after collection of patient-
faced animals I have seen in many
months. On the steep grades we
passed them dozens of them and the
drivers' consideration, the
patience, their evident pride in
their property and last but not least
their manners on the road, are a
pleasant thing to remember.

As we neared the city I came upon
the prettiest street with rows of
pleasant cottages and story and a
half houses, and then I mean to tell
you of next week or in the very near
future.

My visit to Clover Bar was an eye
opener in more than one particular;
and for any experience that brings
with it a little more of sympathy,
of kindness and knowledge of my
fellow man, I am, as I hope I ever
shall be, sincerely and truly grate-
ful.

SOCIETY COLUMNS AND THEIR
READERS.

Society columns and their editors
are so frequently the subject of
discussion, not always too flattering,
that when I have the opportunity of
quoting a solid, unsentimental far-
mer, with no axe to grind, or favor
to seek, on the subject, I cannot for-
bear to re-publish his words. I am
not the less ready on this occasion
because his words have a kindly
reference to my humble self. Entre-
nous I think I have had more than
my share of the other kind of late
—and if I thought it wise to impart
to some of you how faithfully I have
had some of your remarks speeded
on to me, and even overheard some
of your friendly gossipings, you
might wonder that I had any faith
in womanhood left me, and—
not whisper quite so loudly in
future.

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ed to establish a new farmer's
paper, the Alberta Homestead,
which was to be the official organ
of the Alberta Farmers' Association
and to confine its pages to farm

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